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**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
SPEECH.**

Singapore Editorial Comment.

Sir Frederick Lugard, the Governor of Hongkong, made an interesting reference to the question of military contributions in his recent budget speech. A year ago one of the members of the Legislative Council had described the attitude of the Imperial Government as "that of a highwayman presenting a pistol at the head of the Colony and ordering it to stand and deliver twenty per cent of its revenue." Sir Frederick Lugard is quoted as saying that "the little bias in favour of the view that the contribution weighed too heavily." He states quite frankly, however, that careful consideration and inquiry have led him to a different conclusion, and he expresses it strongly. Roughly speaking, Hongkong pays one-third to one-half of the cost of its local defence. Compared with this with the expenditure on defence by African colonies with which he is familiar, the Governor finds that they devote about fifty per cent of their revenue to defence, against the twenty per cent of Hongkong, and he is personal that the latter figure is a one against which the colonies are justified in protesting. He says "a comparatively small increase in the enormous value of the material property, belonging both to the Colonial Government and to private citizens. He also said that in the last two completed years forty-three and forty-two per cent of the revenue was spent on defence. The Governor also said that the United Kingdom was sent on defence. "We pay," Sir Frederick Lugard said, "twenty per cent of our revenue, and I would remind you that in proportion to our geographical position renders us peculiarly vulnerable to attack and increases the cost of defence. It is this very geographical position to which we owe our prosperity, and which has converted a barren rock into the largest port in the world, with a revenue of six-and-a-half million dollars, and an invested capital in natural assets of perhaps thirty to forty millions sterling."

Now, there may be certain parts of this slight and eloquent defence of the Hongkong military contribution applicable to Singapore. Here, also, the geographical position, peculiarly inviting if not peculiarly vulnerable to attack, is the thing which has converted a barren rock into the largest port in the world, with a revenue of six-and-a-half million dollars, and an invested capital in natural assets of perhaps thirty to forty millions sterling. We also pay twenty per cent of our revenue to the United Kingdom, but there the comparison stops. With that caution and fairness which is to be expected from such a man, Sir Frederick Lugard remarks that "it is absurd to contrast the position of Hongkong with that of the Straits, which for the last year or two have paid the entire cost of their defence." Either the defence of these Settlements are on a far less complete scale than those of Hongkong, or else the necessity for defence is less urgent, and it gives the people the benefit of their favourable position. Here the whole cost of defence is being provided locally; while Hongkong goes off with a contribution of one-third to one-half of the total. Other Colonies escape more lightly still, and, as we pointed out in an article some time ago, the burden is heavier for the Straits Settlements than for any other Crown Colony. For these reasons it is the duty of all who represent the people to spare no efforts to bring about a reduction.

There is a tendency—a dangerous tendency beyond doubt—to spend too freely when money flows in automatically. In the case of Hongkong every penny of expenditure on military works and services is sure to be scrutinised very closely by the Treasury authorities at home, because they have themselves. In the Straits Settlements there is no similar inducement to economy. If money is not wasted it might be, because the conditions are a premium, almost, for expenditure up to the limit of the Treasury, which the colony is required to provide. It cannot be disputed that Singapore is an important link in the Imperial system. There must, quite conceivably, be circumstances in which it would be to be expected that other parts of the Empire, and it is impossible to put forward the argument that all the military outlay has exclusively local objects in view. The strong opinion expressed by Sir Frederick Lugard, however, perhaps, the effect of military charges, but so far back as December last, we anticipated the probability of such contingencies arising, and expressed a hope that "Unofficials would guard against combined action if it was likely to endanger the Colony's success." Our case is strong enough in itself to stand by itself, and it will receive attention if it is presented with sufficient vigour.—*Straits Times*.

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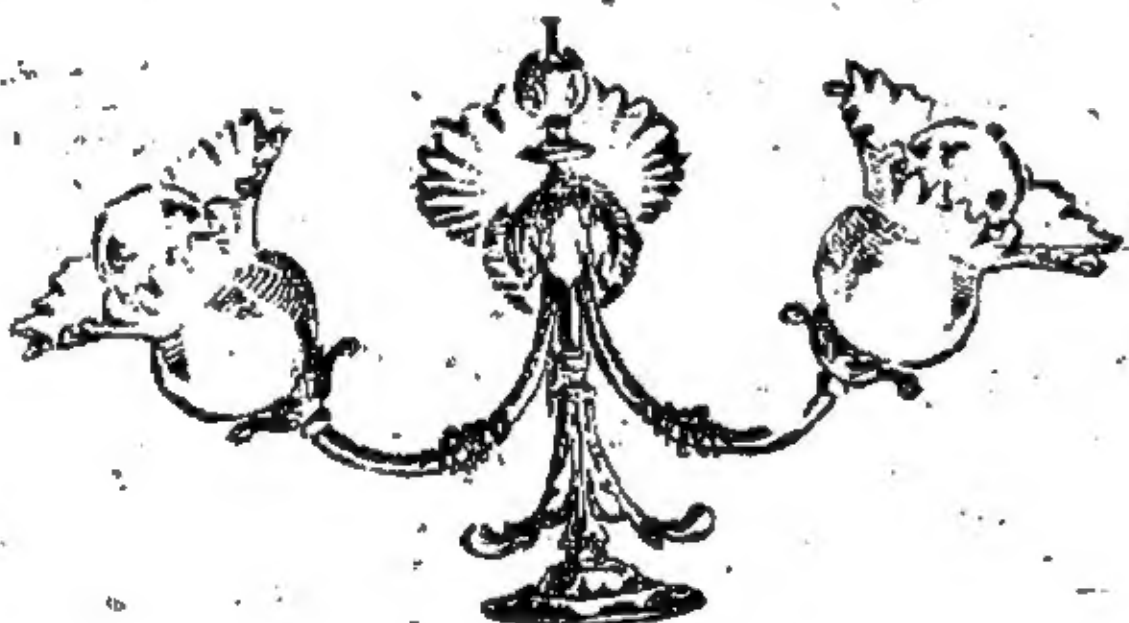
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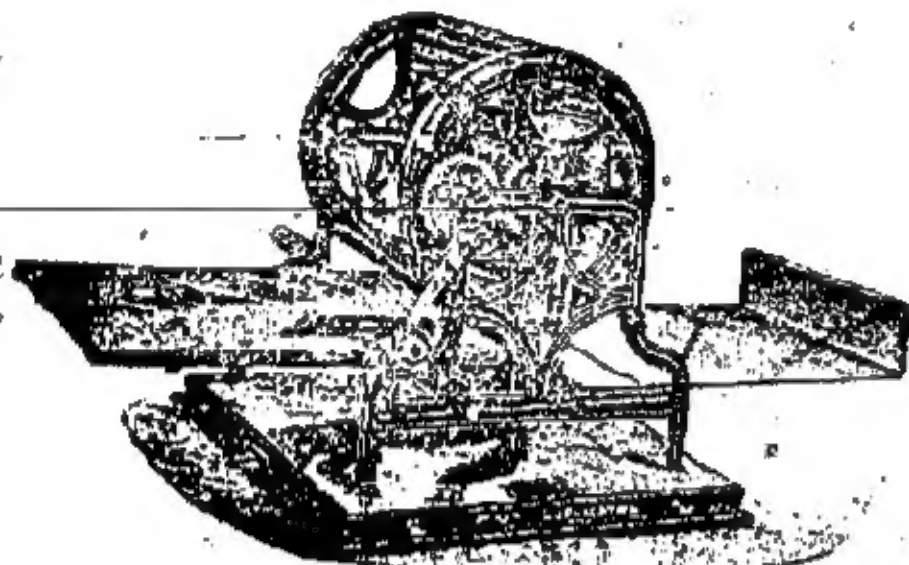
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SCOTTISH LETTER.

THE COURT.

Edinburgh, September 18.
H. M. the King is paying his annual
visit to Mr and Mrs Sessop at Tolchan
Lodge, Elginshire. On his arrival in
Strathpey, he was welcomed by the Earl
of Cassilis, on behalf of Lady Scotland,
and in name of the clan Grant. Part of
the ground over which the King has been
shooting is historic, being the site of the
battle between the supporters of James
VII. and William of Orange, and it is
recorded in the ballad—

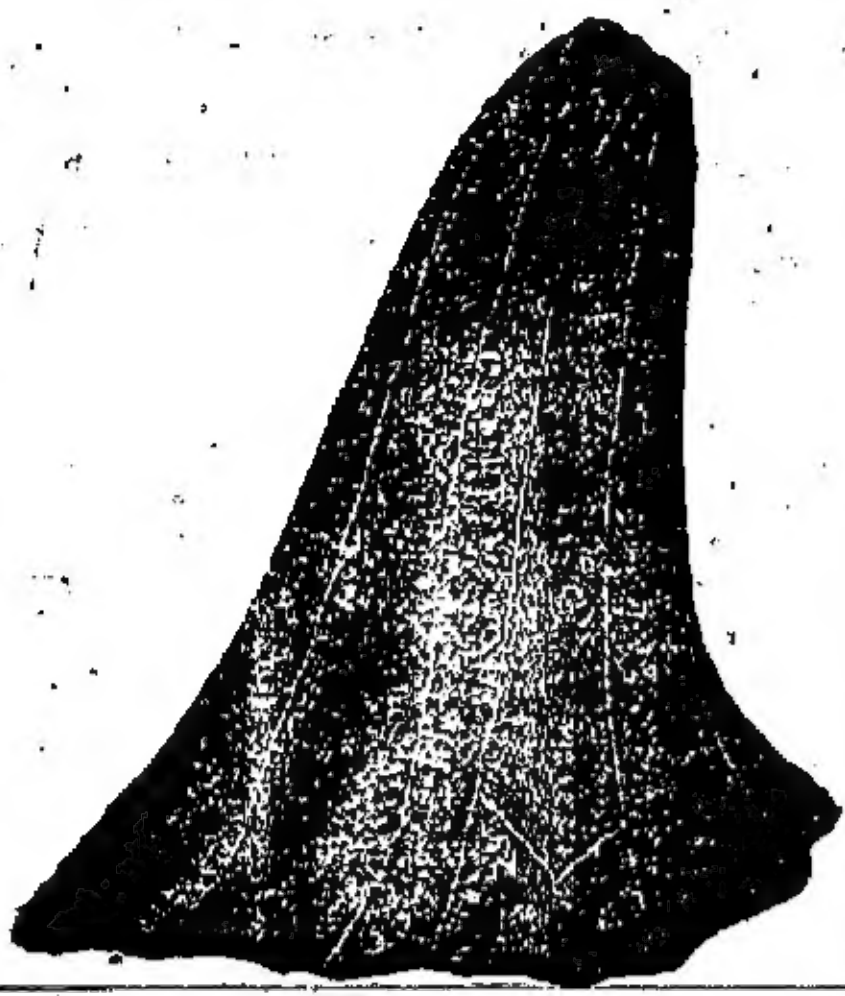
"Out of twenty thousand Englishmen
Five hundred died to a'ghen,
The rest of them were a' slain
Upon the haughs o' Cromdale."

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The prevalent unemployment and dis-
tress is engaging the earnest attention of
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Miscellaneous

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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, October 23—

Noon—Meeting of Canton Insurance

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8.15 p.m.—Piano Recital at St. Andrew's Hall.

TUESDAY, October 27—

Noon—Meeting of The Dairy Farm Co.,

Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-

ture, &c., at No. 1, Gomes Villa,

Kowloon.

WEDNESDAY, October 28—

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property

at Messrs Hughes & Houghton's Shop

Rooms.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 1908

OPIUM.

PARLIAMENT has reconsidered and the

unhappy Mr. TAYLOR is again asking

for information regarding the opium

question in Hongkong. It is a pity that

Colonel SEEL, the Under-Secretary for

the Colonies, could not have been more

explicit in his reply for Hongkong is

very anxious to know what proposals

have been sent home to the Colonial

Office regarding this vital question.

Whatever side one may take in the

controversy which the anti-opium party

at home have forced to the front in local

politics, we are one and all deeply in-

terested in that immediate and vital

question, the raising of revenue to carry

on the government of Hongkong. His

Excellency the Governor in his recent

Budget speech let it be plainly seen

that my drastic interference with the

present system would completely wreck

the estimates which passed their third

reading before the Legislative Council

last week, and although nothing was

said to that effect, the public were led

to entertain the belief that for the pre-

sent to change will take place. But

the element of doubt enters very largely

into this conclusion. And for a very

good reason. Some two months ago

when it was openly stated in the Colony

that certain proposals regarding the

Opium Farm had been made by the

Colonial Government to the Home

Authorities a denials appeared from

high quarters. The official denial was

accepted in good faith, though in

view of subsequent developments

suspicion was not allayed. And now

we have Col. Seel's candid announcement

in the House of Commons that the Earl

of Crewe, the Principal Secretary of

State for the Colonies, is considering

the Governor of Hongkong's opium pro-

posals, and that the Government hope

shortly to come to a decision on the

subject. We have no doubt that the

Colony's interests have been safeguarded

as well as was possible under the cir-

cumstances and that the proposals when

they come to light will be found far

from being unreasonable; still for all

that we should have preferred that

greater frankness had been shown in

the matter.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Manila health statement for

Tuesday shows five cases of Cholera.

The mortality from plague in India is

steadily increasing and during the last

week the grand total rose from 1,979 to

2,162.

Another batch of Chinese deportees,

140 in number, arrived this morning from

the Dutch East Indies. They were sent up

by the Netherlands Indies Government be-

cause they were unable to pay the poll tax.

Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's

today, reduced the sentence of three

months' imprisonment passed on a Chinese

constable, to six weeks. He had been con-

victed on a charge of stealing a cable from

a market. Another defendant, who

was sentenced with him to one month's

imprisonment, was discharged.

Public attention in Indo-China has

been directed to serious shortcomings in

the armament of the military forces there.

The local rifles in use, says the Saigon

Opinion, are worn out and unserviceable

that they ought to be condemned at once.

In recent shooting matches among the

native soldiery, the ratio of misfires

reached eighty per cent.

An inter-debate with the Y.M.C.A. and

the members of the Union Church

Literary Club is to take place at the Union

Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The

subject is—"That the best interests of

the British Empire would be served by the

adoption of preferential tariffs within the

Empire." The Y.M.C.A. take the affirma-

tive side and the Union Church Literary

Club the negative. All are cordially invited.

Mr. Amos P. Wilder is to preside, and Mr

R. Sherrin will speak on behalf of the

Union Church Literary Club against

Captain F. A. Brown and Mr. R. A.

Lowery.

A telegram to the Times of Ceylon says

that at Aligarh, in the prosecution for

sedition against Hodi Lal Varma, and

Ran Narai, Subadar-Major Ahmed-uddin

of the Hongkong-Singapore battalion,

R. G. A. stated that Hodi Lal visited Hong-

kong. He often used to come to see the

witness and other active officers and

hospital assistants, and used to teach two of

the men English. He used to talk on

sedition subjects and to say they could

turn out the English, who were looting

them. He said on leaving Hongkong he

was going to Russia in order to learn

how to make bombs. It would be a very in-

teresting thing to throw bombs on church-parade

days and kill so many Europeans. He

(witness) used to get various Indian news-

papers, also the "Gaulois-Américain" which

was sent to witness for several weeks

though he never ordered or paid for it.

Witness informed his commanding officer

about the matter.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Douglas Strachan is retiring from the

editorship of the Pail Mail Gazette, desiring

rest.

Many Straits Chinese are discarding

their queues and "operations" of this

nature are of almost daily occurrence.

The death is announced of Crotano, the

only son of the Viscount de Warem, Portu-

guese Consul-General in India.

Sir Francis Pigott, Chief Justice of

Hongkong, left Shanghai yesterday by the

S. S. Tongo Maru, and is expected to ar-

rive here on or about the 23rd.

The Siamese young ladies of fashion in

Bangkok are now commencing to let their

hair grow long, and, in their lovely bicycle

costumes, consisting of long silken hose,

and pinnies, which does the duty of a

divided skirt, with or without a corset,

according to taste, a head sun hat with

bright ribbons, beneath which the luxuriant

tresses float on the zephyr, as they glide

past on the "bike," in one of the most

lovely pictures one could wish to see

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